

With reference to FIGS. 4-7, the pontoon 30 also preferably includes one or more splash fins 46, a keel 48, and a plurality of deck uprights 50. The fins, keel, and uprights are also preferably of aluminum construction and attached as by welding to the exterior of the pontoon 30. With reference to FIG 7, a pair of the pontoons 30 may be secured in a desired orientation as by welding cross bars 52 between adjacent ones of the deck uprights 50. A deck 54, preferably of marine grade plywood, may be secured to the crossbars 52, as by bolts or other fasteners, to yield a boat, such as pontoon boat 56 shown in FIG. 8.

Page 16, amend the second paragraph as follows:

As mentioned previously, the lower roller support system 118 inhibits deflection of the lower rollers 102 and 104, such deflection generally being a downward deflection away from the roller 106. Absent the lower support system 118, the rollers 102 and 104 will each have a bow or curvature of at least about 1 inch when under load. Thus, absent the lower roller support system 118 and the anti-deflection system 112, the rollers 102-106 would each deflect at least about 1 inch and result in a cylinder having a deflection in excess of about 1 inch and generally at least about 3 inches.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 9-17 are pending. Claims 1-8 are canceled without prejudice.